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LABOR IN STATE OF UNREST

Demands for Shorter Hours and Increased Pay Followed by Strikes Throughout the Country--Famine of Clean Linen in Chicago; Sunday Aspect in Omaha

(By Associated Press.)

Omaha, Neb., May 1.—Eighteen hundred men, including teamsters, hotel and restaurant employees and members of building trades went on a strike today. Sympathetic strikes are anticipated which will bring the number on strike to 3,000. The city presented a Sunday appearance today. Hardly a wagon was seen on the streets. All large restaurants were closed and strikers stood on corners quietly discussing the situation. Hotels are not directly affected, but may be drawn into the trouble. The hotel and restaurant employees demand a six-day week, and other branches of striking laborers demand increase in wages of from 10 to 20 per cent.

Chicago Without Clean Linen.

Chicago, Ill., May 1.—Two thousand five hundred members of the Laundry Workers union quit work today, precipitating a famine of clean linen upon

Chicago and suburbs. There are 5,000 of these workers, including laundry wagon drivers, and less than one-fifth of the number are men. The Chinese laundries, in which it is estimated there are nearly a thousand in Chicago, may be involved. The employers have issued a call for a meeting of every laundry proprietor in the city and suburbs for this afternoon and efforts are being made to induce the Mongolian washermen to stand by the Laundrymen's association in its efforts to withstand the demands of workers for a 10 to 50 per cent increase in wages.

Extensive Strike at Bloomington.

Bloomington, Ill., May 1.—Bloomington witnessed the most extensive strike among trades unions today that has been inaugurated in many years. Every member of the Carpenters union, Horseshoers union and several other minor organizations laid down

their tools when the bosses refused to sign the new scale of wages.

Not So Bad in New York.

New York, May 1.—Strikes of mechanics and laborers which had been looked for today did not materialize to the extent anticipated, although a great many men, including 30,000 Italian excavators, are on a strike. The situation is not nearly so serious as had been looked for. The strike ordered by the Teamsters union last night has not yet reached any great proportions. The strike of the boiler-makers was settled last night and shipyards today are operating with full forces. Another strike settled today was that on the Maccoot dam, 800 men returning to work. In the building trades there is not a strike to interfere with work, the only trouble being that occasioned by differences between Amalgamated and Brotherhood carpenters.

A party consisting of at least fifteen farmers of this county have arranged matters and will leave Shawnee on May 12 to make their homes in the Northwest territory near Alberta, where they have purchased homesteads from the Canadian government. —Shawnee Democrat.

The Odd Fellows of Ardmore held their annual celebration and picnic at Providence Monday.

Bird McGuire will address the Indian Territory Bankers' association at South McAlester May 15.

FRANCHISE DISCUSSED

Promoters Address City Council

STREET RAILWAY, GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT

Sewer Contract Awarded Under Terms Favorable to Property Owners

The St. Louis gentlemen who are anxious of securing a street railway franchise in the city appeared before the city council last evening and asked that they be granted time until next Thursday night to more fully investigate conditions. Previous to the request of the party, the ordinance committee, by Chairman Perkins, asked for additional time, which was granted, to further investigate the ordinance granting the Oklahoma City Traction company a street railway franchise.

The St. Louis visitors were the center of interest during the session. During the brief speeches made by the representatives of this company perfect attitudinal prevailed. When Attorney Hornor stated that if the company were granted the franchise it would be a strictly Guthrie project and operated by Guthrie people, applause broke the quietude of the evening and was continued several minutes. In introducing the men to the council, Attorney Hornor said:

"Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the Council: The action that has already been taken in postponing any action on a street railway franchise until another week passes by, is substantially the request we were to make. The St. Louis gentlemen, Messrs. Foley and Harris, who are with us tonight, represent the Mercantile Trust company of St. Louis, capitalized with \$10,000,000. Mr. Eaton, who

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TWO KANSAS CITIES GREET THE PRESIDENT

Tremendous Ovation From School Children, Soldiers and Citizens

(By Associated Press.)

Kansas City, Mo., May 1.—President Roosevelt spent five hours in Kansas City, Missouri, today, and later was the guest of Kansas City, Kansas, across the state line, for two hours. In the two cities he was driven over a route fifteen miles in length, reviewed nearly 30,000 school children, made two speeches, one at Convention hall before close to 20,000 people, and partook of a luncheon at the Baltimore hotel as the guest of the Commercial club of Kansas City, Missouri. The reception given President Roosevelt during his seven hours' stay here was intensely enthusiastic. It is estimated that he was greeted by 75,000 persons. The schools were closed and the day having been proclaimed a holiday by Mayor Reed business generally was suspended. Never before in the history of the city had there been such a general desire on the part of the citizens to show the esteem for a distinguished visitor. Many residences and business houses were decorated.

The reception committee of 120, made up of members of the Commercial club and others, was divided into two parts, one of which met the presidential party at 15th and Askeew avenue, in the southeastern portion of the city, two miles from the business center, upon its arrival from St. Louis at 2:19 in the morning.

An Inspiring Welcome.

There was a great crowd on hand and it cheered from the moment the train hove in sight until the president's carriage moved away a few minutes later at the head of a long line of carriages for a drive. A detachment of mounted police, together with the Third Regiment, M. N. G., which had just returned from St. Louis, acted as an escort. The route starting from the train, took in five miles of Kansas City's boulevard system, passing first through the Paseo, a driveway a mile in length and almost a block wide, the president was greeted by nearly 20,000 school children, black and white, from private and public schools, who stood seven deep on the grass plot between the two driveways and formed a line that extended for three blocks.

When President Roosevelt appeared each of the children waved a tiny American flag, cheering the while and finally as the president passed, the thousands of voices broke forth singing "America." In the bright sunlight, the thousands of happy faced children, backed by the rows of residences, decorated and covered with spectators proved one of the most pleasing scenes of the day.

The party was driven through the business section to Convention hall, where the principal exercises of the day were held. The great hall was reached at a few minutes after 11.

As President Roosevelt emerged onto the stage, the band started "The Star Spangled Banner," and the current was turned into the two great electric flags that formed part of the ceiling decorations. Instantly the multitude broke into a tremendous cheer, while sixty Harvard graduates with vigor gave their college cry, ending with the word "Roosevelt." The graduates were seated in a body in the balcony and were led in the cheering by three men who attended the college at the time the president did.

President Roosevelt was introduced by Mayor Reed. A great demonstration ensued as he arose to speak. The president spoke for fifteen minutes. Shortly before noon a start was made for the Baltimore hotel, where after a brief reception, an elaborate luncheon was served, the guests numbering 140.

Across the State Line.

The luncheon over the president, at 1:45, was delivered into the hands of a committee of the Mercantile club of & Co.

Kansas City, Kansas, and he became the guest of that city.

The members of the party and the reception committee entered carriages and a start for the Kansas side was made. A company of Fourth United States cavalry in command of Captain Tyree Rivers and a squad of mounted police acted as escort to the state line in the wholesale district of the West Bottoms. As the party passed beneath the bluffs overlooking the union depot a presidential salute was fired from cannon placed high above the procession. The arrival at the state line was announced by a steam whistle, a nearly packing house. At this signal every whistle in the city added its strength and church bells everywhere were rung.

Huron place was reached about 2:45 and there, from a platform in the presence of two G. A. R. posts and a contingent of letter carriers, President Roosevelt spoke briefly. The crowd was dense and choked the streets in every direction.

Later the president reviewed 8,000 school children who greeted him with waving flags and cheers.

The party then was driven back to the state line to the Live Stock exchange, where a demonstration by the stockmen in honor of the president was witnessed.

From the stock yards, the party was driven through the suburban town of Rosedale, a fine place and Armstrong, encountering 3,000 more school children and crowds of patriotic citizens. At Armstrong the party departed for Lawrence, Kas., over the Union Pacific railway at 1 o'clock.

Barbarous

(By Associated Press.)

Vienna, May 1.—Horrible brutalities are reported to have occurred during the recent riots at Kischeneff, Bessarabia. Many women and children were victims of the mob which included the better classes of the inhabitants. Some of the victims were thrown from windows to the pavements. Rioters also pillaged and defiled synagogues and killed the caretakers. What looters of houses were unable to carry off they saturated with paraffine and burned. The damage done to property is estimated at several million roubles. The Jews who escaped from Kischeneff are seeking refuge at Odessa and elsewhere.

A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetter of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried every thing I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It is infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It is guaranteed by F. B. Lillie & Co., Chicago. Trial bottles free. Regular bottles 50c and \$1.00.

Spring Ailments.

There is an aching and tired feeling, the liver, bowels and kidneys become sluggish and inactive, the digestion impaired, with little or no appetite, no ambition for anything, and a feeling that the whole body and mind needs forcing up. The trouble is, that during winter there has been an accumulation of waste matter in the system. Herbine will remove it, secure to the secretions a right exit, and by its tonic effect, fully restore the wasted tissues and give strength in place of weakness. 50c at F. B. Lillie & Co.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE WILL CO-OPERATE

Will Assist Worlds Fair Commission in Making a Display

Although the board of agriculture was disappointed by the failure of the legislature to provide for the collection of data by assessors for a statistical report there will be "something doing" in the office of the board just the same. Besides attending to the correspondence and matters incident to the duties of his office, Secretary Thoburn will devote a great deal of time during the present season to active co-operation with the Oklahoma World's Fair commission. At the request of the commission he recently prepared a brief outline of suggested plans and at a meeting of the members of the commission, held a day or two prior to their departure for St. Louis, it was considered and approved. The commission will hold another meeting at an early date and Secretary Thoburn has been asked to attend and explain his suggestions more in detail.

Agriculture and horticulture must necessarily form the greater part of Oklahoma's display at the World's fair next year, since these include her most important resources and products. It is very important, therefore, that a good showing be made in these lines and it is fortunate that the commission can have the aid and support of the board of agriculture in preparing for the exhibit. Each member of the board of agriculture has a personal interest in the matter, as each has been named as one of the honorary members of the commission by the governor.

The board of agriculture certainly has an opportunity to demonstrate its usefulness to the people of the territory in this instance. The members of the World's Fair commission have worked hard to arouse popular interest in the great exposition and the wisdom and expediency of Oklahoma people putting forth every effort to

Dedication

St. Louis, Mo., May 1.—"International Day," the second of the trio devoted to the dedication of the Louisiana Purchase exposition broke fair, with the promise of better weather than yesterday. The day was devoted to greetings to and responses by representatives of the foreign nations which will have buildings at the fair, the proceedings constituting the dedication of the foreign section. The history of the Louisiana purchase under its three sovereignties—Spain, France and United States, was suggested in the appearance of three speakers—Senor Ojeda, the Spanish minister; M. Jusserand, French ambassador, and D. R. Francis, president of the exposition. The liberal arts building where the exercises took place, still wore its dress of yesterday, mingled with the colors of Spain, France and the United States, and in the speeches the trinity of interests in the exposition was noted.

At 10:30 the diplomats gathered at the St. Louis club where an informal reception was held. From the club they were taken in carriages under military escort to the liberal arts building. At noon the assembly was called to order by Corwin H. Spencer, chairman of the Exposition committee on ceremonies. The invocation delivered by the Rev. Carl Swenson, following which ex-Senator John M. Thurston of the National commission, was introduced as president of the day.

Corn and Cotton Ruined in Chickasaw Nation

(By Associated Press.)

Tishomingo, I. T., May 1.—Frost last night badly damaged growing cotton and corn in the Chickasaw nation. The crops necessarily will have to be replanted. Cotton was well up and corn was a foot high. Farmers today are purchasing seed and the crops will be immediately replanted.



LOTTIE BLAIR PARKER, A TALENTED WOMAN DRAMATIST.

As the author of two successful dramas now being produced in New York, Lottie Blair Parker may be said to have fully arrived. One of her plays is "Way Down East," and the other is called "Under Southern Skies."